

PROJECT PROFILE

<b>Sector</b>	Agriculture
<b>Sub-sector</b>	CROPS
<b>Code</b>	AG 69 (A)
<b>Title</b>	The Production Enhancement Project
<b>Implementing Agency</b>	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries
<b>Location</b>	Various
<b>Total Plan Exp.</b>	US\$ 6.7m
<b>Funds Secured</b>	Nil
<b>Funding Gap</b>	US\$ 6.7m
<b>Start Date</b>	Unknown
<b>Completion Date</b>	Unknown

**Background:**

Because most smallholders have little capital and rely heavily on hoe cultivation their productivity is said to be low. This project has been designed so as to address the constraints of low labour on large number of small-scale farms throughout the West Nile Region. The project will concentrate mainly on major food crops and oilseeds. As a result of the project the standards of living of the farmers in the project area will improve. Also their incomes will be boosted substantially.

**Objective(s):**

•To improve productivity of farm labour through increasing crop yields per hectare; reducing on-farm crop losses; encouraging more profitable crop combinations; and expanding cultivated area per household.

**Technical Description:**

The project will have four major components, namely:

- revitalisation of the District Farm Institutes
- design and sponsorship market oriented farmer training programmes to improve management skills
- establish of a programme of tractor, oxen and donkey hire
- set up a seed and seedling multiplication and distribution system

**Feasibility Studies:**

ADB financed a study titled "The Smallholder Agricultural Production Study in N.W Uganda" whose final report came out in August 1997. The study identified this among other projects and recommended it as a viable project for implementation. The Internal Rate of Return for this project has been calculated to be 23%.

**Financing:**

ADB has expressed willingness to finance this project. Total project cost is estimated to be US\$ 6.7m. GoU is not expected to provide counterpart funding to this project. However, any contribution if any will be in kind.

**Plan of Operation:**

Detailed workplan will be drawn at a latter date